

Tinier Trees



Need a tiny gift in a hurry? Want to make the cutest little holiday ornaments? Like to attach something homemade to a gift? Love to use up pretty sock yarn leftovers? **Tinier Trees** to the rescue! Inspired by the [Tiny Trees pattern](#), these are knitted in the round using the Magic Loop technique and are entirely seamless, with a minimum of ends to weave in. Best for intermediate level knitters!



Techniques/Skills Needed

- Simple increasing and decreasing
- [Judy's Magic Cast-On](#), or similar
- Knitting in the round using 1 circular & magic loop – picture tutorial at Knitting Daily ([Magical Magic Loop](#)) and video tutorial at KnittingHelp.com ([Advanced Knitting Techniques](#))
- Working an I-cord – video tutorial from KnittingHelp.com ([I-Cord](#)).
- Kitchener Stitch (grafting live stitches together) – video tutorial at KnittingHelp.com ([Kitchener Stitch on Stockinette](#))

Sizing*

Using fingering weight yarn:

Approximately 4" (10 cm) tall (including hanging loop and trunk) and 2" (5 cm) wide

*Finished size will vary according to yarn selection and personal gauge.

Gauge

Gauge is not critical, but it will affect the finished size of the trees. You are aiming for a fairly dense, rather than a loose, knitted fabric.

Materials

Yarn:

Fingering weight yarn in:

MC (tree): approx. 4g

C1 (trunk): approx. 1g

Needles:

US 1 (2.25 mm) 32" (80 cm) circular needle to work magic loop

US 1 (2.25 mm) dpns to work i-cord

Notions:

Lockable stitch marker (optional)

2 stitch holders (or waste yarn if you prefer) to hold trunk sts

1 large-eyed tapestry needle

1 smaller sewing needle

Assorted buttons (depending on how many trees you make)

Abbreviations

beg – beginning

C1 – 1st contrast colour

dpns – double-pointed needles

JMCO – Judy's Magic Cast-On

k – knit

k2tog – knit next 2 stitches together as if they were one stitch

kfb – increase by knitting into the front and back of the next stitch before taking it off the needle

MC – main colour

pm – place marker

rem – remainder/remaining

rpt – repeat

sl1 – slip the next stitch, purlwise (unless specified otherwise)

ssk – slip next stitch as if to knit, slip next stitch as if to purl, knit these two stitches together through the back of the loops

st(s) – stitch(es)

Care

Hand wash recommended; dry flat.



Pattern

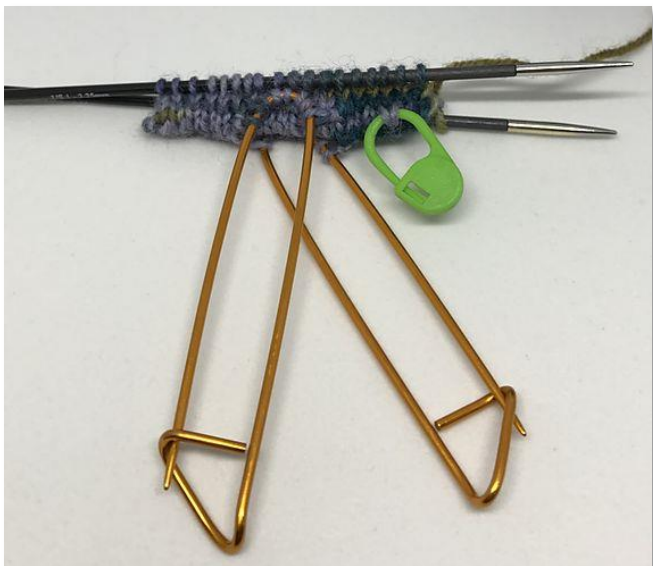
Tree

Using JMCO and MC, cast on 36 sts; divide (18 and 18) for working in the round using magic loop.

Round 1: knit (pm in this round to show beg of round/front of tree if you want).

Round 2: k5, kfb x 8, k10, kfb x 8, k5 (52 sts).

Round 3: k5, *k1, sl1 to 1st stitch holder, rpt from * 7 times, k10, *k1, sl1 to 2nd stitch holder, rpt from * 7 times, k5 (36 sts rem for tree with 8 sts on each stitch holder for



working trunk later).

Round 4: knit (weave in beginning MC tail).

Round 5: k1, ssk, k12, k2tog, k2, ssk, k12, k2tog, k1 (32 sts).

Rounds 6 & 7: knit.

Round 8: k1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k2, ssk, k10, k2tog, k1 (28 sts).

Rounds 9 & 10: knit.

Round 11: k1, ssk, k8, k2tog, k2, ssk, k8, k2tog, k1 (24 sts).

Rounds 12 & 13: knit.

Round 14: k1, ssk, k6, k2tog, k2, ssk, k6, k2tog, k1 (20 sts).

Rounds 15 & 16: knit.

Round 17: k1, ssk, k4, k2tog, k2, ssk, k4, k2tog, k1 (16 sts).

Rounds 18 & 19: knit.

Round 20: k1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1 (12 sts).

Rounds 21 & 22: knit.

Round 23: k1, ssk, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2tog, k1 (8 sts).

Round 24: knit.

Round 25: ssk, k2tog, ssk, k2tog (4 sts).

Break off yarn, **leaving a 4 - 5 foot (1.25 - 1.5 m) tail**, and leave rem 4 sts on needle.

Hanging Loop & Button

K2tog, sl all sts to same needle (3 sts); using dpns, work 3-4" (8-10 cm) of i-cord. Draw the yarn through the 3 i-cord sts to fasten off. Using smaller (sewing) needle and rem MC tail, attach end of i-cord to base of i-cord at the top back of tree and, **at the same**



time, attach button to top front of tree.

Fasten off the remaining tail through body of tree.

Trunk

Round 1: Using C1, and magic loop, knit the 16 trunk sts off the two stitch holders (divided 8 and 8).

Round 2: purl.

Round 3: knit (weave in beginning C1 tail).

Round 4: purl.

Round 5: knit.

Round 6: purl; break off yarn, leaving enough to graft the sts together; using Kitchener Stitch, graft the two sets of sts together; fasten off rem tail through trunk.